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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER
TRUDEAU.

PLEASE CONVEY ASAP TEXT OF FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL
LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT TO PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU.
ORIGINAL LETTER BEING POUCHED.

2. BEGIN TEXT: DEAR PIERRE, BOB STRAUSS HAS JUST BRIEFED
ME ON HIS MEETINGS WITH JACK WARREN AND THE OTHER TRADE
NEGOTIATORS.

I BELIEVE THAT A WORKABLE AGREEMENT ON KEY ISSUES WILL
HAVE TO EMERGE FROM THEIR NEGOTIATIONS IF THERE IS TO BE
A SUCCESSFUL SUMMIT. SUCH AN AGREEMENT IS ALSO NEEDED TO
CONTAIN PRESSURES FOR RESTRICTIVE RESPONSES TO OUR TRADE
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PROBLEMS. FOR CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES, A GOOD OUT-
COME WOULD BE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT IN PROVIDING A MULTI-
LATERAL CONTEXT FOR CONTINUING EXPANSION OF U.S.-CANADIAN
BILATERAL TRADE AND FOR IMPROVED COOPERATION ON ISSUES
AFFECTING THIS TRADE.

THERE HAS BEEN GOOD PROGRESS IN GENEVA ON A LARGE NUMBER

OF ISSUES. BUT OUR TWO COUNTRIES MUST STILL RESOLVE AN
IMBALANCE BETWEEN OUR TARIFF OFFERS ON BOTH INDUSTRIAL AND
AGRICULTURAL ITEMS. THE UNITED STATES HAS MADE A MAJOR
EFFORT TO BE RESPONSIVE TO YOUR INTERESTS, AND BADLY NEEDS
AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE CANADIAN OFFER IF OUR OFFER IS TO
STAND. IN THE AGRICULTURAL AREA, YOUR TARIFF BOARD'S
RECOMMENDATIONS TO INCREASE TARIFFS ON FRUITS AND VEGE-
TABLES ARE CAUSING A GREAT DEAL OF CONCERN, PARTICULARLY
IN OUR PACIFIC NORTHWEST.

I AM WRITING TO ASK FOR YOUR HELP IN RESOLVING THESE
ISSUES -- SO THAT AT THE BONN SUMMIT WE CAN RECEIVE A
REPORT THAT OUR TRADE NEGOTIATORS HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT
ON A BROAD PACKAGE IN GENEVA. I REALIZE THAT A SUCCESSFUL
RESULT ALSO DEPENDS ON IMPROVEMENT IN THE JAPANESE AND
EUROPEAN COMMUNITY OFFERS; I HOPE THAT WE CAN MAKE PRO-
GRESS ON ALL THESE FRONTS SIMULTANEOUSLY.

I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU NEXT MONTH AND HOPE WE CAN
CONFIRM AND CONSOLIDATE ARRANGEMENTS THAT WILL BENEFIT
BOTH OUR NATIONS AND THE WORLD AT A SUCCESSFUL SUMMIT.

SINCERELY,

SIGNED JIMMY CARTER

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THE RIGHT HONORABLE
PIERRE ELLIOTT TRUDEAU, P.C., M.P.
PRIME MINISTER OF CANADA
OTTAWA

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